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Thursday April 28, 2011**

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Immunization Program

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Please welcome Jennifer Hepner as our new IIS Training & Support Specialist



We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Immunization Information System (IIS) Training and Support Specialist, Jennifer Lynn Hepner. Jenn comes to us with a background in adult education and previously served as a Communication Studies instructor at the University of Montana-Missoula. Jenn has a B.A. in Organizational Communication, a B.A. in Anthropology, and recently finished her M.A. in Communication Studies. She has been with the State Immunization Program for approximately 2 months and looks forward to providing training and support to all IIS users.

Notices On Website

Have you looked at our website lately? You may find some useful information and timely topics. We have added another link "**FORMS**" where you are able to access all the necessary Immunization forms needed in your facility. The State of Montana - Certificate of Immunization form HES-101 early know as the "blue form," is now on our website. If you have misplaced a memo you can locate those under the Vaccine for Children's link. Check it out and bookmark the site for when a question arises in your facility.

IIS Update

The Montana Immunization Program has awarded a contract for the Immunization Information System (IIS) replacement and will be using the State of Maine's version of the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) as the basis of the new IIS. We are currently working on Montana specific customizations and are in the process of moving current immunization data into the new system. Because there many tasks associated, transitioning to a new system will take several months to complete. We are anticipating that the system will be up and running as early as October of this year. Details about training times and dates will be shared as they become available.



Timing is Important

According to the Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons 0 — 6 years of age, children may receive up to 24 vaccinations to protect them from up to 14 diseases by the time they're 2 years of age.



Love them.
Protect them.
Immunize them.

National Infant Immunization Week

2011 National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities.

Since 1994, NIIW has served as a call to action for parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to ensure that infants are fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases. In 2011, NIIW is observed April 23-30.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

"Bringing Immunity to Every Community"

Every Child By Two (ECBT) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) have announced the availability of a new, dynamic online continuing education course aimed at increasing immunization competency among nurses by offering practical knowledge and skills on vaccine safety and patient communication. The course provides 2.5 contact hours of continuing education credit and is available until November 29, 2012.

To view and/or take this online course, please visit: www.yourcesource.com/ecbt.

Evidence Shows Vaccines Unrelated to Autism

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) presents a new handout for healthcare professionals called **"Evidence Shows Vaccines Unrelated to Autism."** This new handout can be extremely helpful when talking with parents who have read about or heard claims that vaccines cause autism. The document lays out scientific evidence that refutes claims that any relationship exists between vaccines and autism. It also presents information on the findings of current research into autism's causes. All of the IAC's handouts are free and posted online for you to download and make copies. To access all of IAC's free handouts go to: www.immunize.org/handouts.

New Shingles Website

CDC has launched a shingles (herpes zoster) website. Shingles is a painful skin rash caused by the varicella zoster virus—the same virus that causes chickenpox. Nearly 1 of every 3 people in the United States will develop shingles. Anyone who has had chickenpox can develop the disease; however, the risk of getting shingles increases as a person gets older. About half of all cases occur among persons who are age 60 years or older. For more information about shingles, please visit the website at <http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/>.

Child Care Training Power Point Presentation

**New Website
Available
about the history
of vaccines!!**
Please Visit at:
[www.historyof
vaccines.org](http://www.historyofvaccines.org)

On January 11th the Montana Immunization Program launched the educational immunization power point for child care providers. This training provides information about the importance of immunization, the Administrative Rules of Montana (A.R.M.) 37.95.140 on immunizations in a childcare facility, an explanation of required forms, enforcement of immunization requirements, and helpful tools. At the end of this training module is a 12 question quiz that child care providers can take and submit to the Immunization Program. In return, they will receive a signed certificate of completion that they can display in their facility.

The training can be found on our website www.immunization.mt.gov and click on the Child Care Resources link. Our child care website includes tools, contact information, required forms, the childcare immunization schedule, and many useful resources. We will be updating and adding to our website frequently, so please check periodically for important updates and new resources.

Regional Immunization Workshop Reminder!!

Don't forget to fill out your registration form before April 1, 2011 and return via fax to 442-4848.

Great Falls:	Tuesday	April 19
Butte:	Thursday	April 21
Missoula:	Wednesday	April 27
Miles City:	Wednesday	May 4
Billings:	Thursday	May 5

Hope to See You There!!

If you need a copy of the Registration form,
visit our website at www.immunization.mt.gov or e-mail Katie Grady at kgrady@mt.gov.

CDC Resources

Current Issues in Immunization NetConference: The next netconference is scheduled for April 21, 2011. The topic and speakers are not yet known. Please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc/default.htm> for updates and archived netconferences.

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases 2011 Ten-Module Series: This comprehensive immunization course provides the most current information in the constantly changing field of immunization. It is updated annually to provide the latest recommendations from the ACIP. Each of the ten modules is 60 to 90 minutes in length and includes case studies and a discussion of frequently-asked questions. The anticipated release date is May 1, 2011. Continuing education for this activity is still pending. For more information and updates please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/default.htm>.

Have Fun with a Word Search!

Daycares
Hepatitis
Immunization
Measles
Meningococcal
Mumps
Pertussis
PPSV

Rates
Rubella
Tdap
Vaccines
Varicella
WIZRD
Zostervax

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S	A	X	T	D	T	D	A	P	I	T	E	B	H	M	L
J	C	S	B	A	Q	M	U	J	I	R	G	M	P	R	L
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